

# CHRIST CHURCH PRESBYTERIAN

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## *Being Light in a Dark World*



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# Christ Church Presbyterian 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

July 21, 2019

9:30 A.M.

*Called to love, serve and witness.*

Thought as we enter worship  
*Often God has to shut a door in our face so that He can subsequently  
open the door through which He wants us to go.* – Catherine Wood Marshall

### GATHERING

*Quiet meditation time (Please fill out a blue or pink card with any prayer requests and put it in the collection plate.) – Thanks*

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

**Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits --**

Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

**Who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

**He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.**

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,  
and his righteousness to children's children,**

To those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

**The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.**

Bless the LORD,

**O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, obedient to his spoken word.**

Bless the LORD,

**All his hosts, his ministers that do his will.**

Bless the LORD,

**All his works, in all places of his dominion.**

**Bless the LORD, O my soul.**

*(Psalm 103. Selected verses)*

**\*INVOCATION (Opening Prayer)**

O God, you have called us to be your children. You lavish your love on us, calling us through your grace and pardoning us through your mercy. O Lord, we thank you, we praise you and we adore you. Accept now, we pray, our worship and our praise. **Amen.**

**\*HYMN      INSERT      “Come, People of the Risen King”**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

In spite of God’s love for us and gift of love to us,  
**We often act in destructive and hateful ways.**  
 We close our hearts to God and disobey God’s law.  
**Together let us confess our sin.**

*[Our private prayers for forgiveness and spiritual renewal]*

O Lord, we want to do your will.

**But we’re easily distracted by the promise of immediate gain.**

We listen to voices other than yours that encourage to seek our own destruction,  
**Suggesting the pleasures of sin are not as temporary as we know they are.**

We enjoy your love, relax into your grace and depend on your mercy,

**Yet we fail to proclaim your favor to others, particularly those who are different than us.**

O God, we repent of these sins.

**Forgive us and help us change our behaviors.**

Help us be like Jesus

**And completely commit to being your hands and feet in the world.**

Hear the Good News. Our God who is rich in mercy, love and grace restores us to new life. In Christ we are made new, we are children of God. Rejoice in God’s goodness and grace.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

May the peace, love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us greet one another in the name of the Lord.

**\* HYMN      INSERT      “Speak O Lord” (Vs. 2 and 3 only)**

**THE PEOPLE OF GOD HEAR THE WORD**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**SPECIAL MUSIC      “Andantino”      Violin duet by Leio and Kana Hauschildt**  
**Leio and Kana are Leo & Leorita Hauschildt grandson and daughter-in-law.**

**HEARING GOD’S WORD      John 1:1-14**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God--children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**Matthew 5:13-16**

"You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its flavor, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled on by people. You are the light of the world. A city located on a hill cannot be hidden. People do not light a lamp and put it under a basket but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before people, so that they can see your good deeds and give honor to your Father in heaven. (NET)

**MESSAGE      “Being Light in a Dark World”**

**\*HYMN      GREEN      #77      “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”**

**THE PEOPLE OF GOD RESPOND****THE OFFERING**

**\*LIFTING PRAISE TO GOD – HYMN      #593      “The Doxology”**

**\*Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*O God, as your children, you’ve called us to be a part of your work in the world. We now give you a token of our commitment to you, asking that you will use it and us to bring light to darkness and joy to sorrow. Amen.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

We give you praise and thanks, O Lord that you have called us to be your children. We are grateful for your love that led you to die for us and offer ourselves as your servants to be conduits of your love and grace in the world. With joy we thank you for the ways our congregation has shown your love this week. We praise you for your grace, honor you for your love and rejoice in your mercy. With deepest gratitude we proclaim you God.

[Time for Silent Congregational Prayer]

O God of compassion, we ask that our hearts be moved to show compassion for others. We especially pray for those who have suffered the loss of loved ones, home, food and shelter. We pray for all those who are prisoners, those who suffer addictions, and those who suffer daily. We remember before you the sick and dying, those who are lonely, those who are victims of war, terror, and injustice. We ask for mercy for those who suffer abuse especially those who are enslaved and grace for those who oppress others. We recall all those who have worshipped with us in the past and are unable to do so today.

[Time for Silent Congregational Prayer]

O Lord of the nations, we pray for all those who exercise authority over others. May they remember that their power is granted them to care for their people. May they pursue peace and justice as they seek first your kingdom and your righteousness. Help us all remember we need your love and grace. Grant us the courage to model your mercy to those around us.

[Time for Silent Congregational Prayer]

O Lord Jesus, you are the head of the church, the beginning and the end of all things. Grant to the church universal your mercy as we struggle to follow you. Look we pray with mercy upon the ministry of this congregation which you have called together with grace and kindness. Increase our courage, strengthen our faith, and inspire our witness to all people, even to the ends of the earth.

[Time for Silent Congregational Prayer]

O Gracious God, the source of all love and goodness, bless us with your Spirit as we seek to do your will. May we keep our hearts and thoughts on you through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray, saying:

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.***

**SENDING OUT IN SERVICE**

**\*CLOSING HYMN GREEN #288 “My Friends, May You Grow in Grace”**

**\*CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE**

**\*BENEDICTION**

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,

**Teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom,**

Singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,

**With thankfulness in your hearts to God.**

And whatever you do, in word or deed,

**Do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.**

*Col. 3:16-17*

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Rhys” (Verse 4 only)**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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**\*Please rise in body and/or spirit as you are able.**

**Please join us for coffee and refreshments in Fellowship Hall after the service.**

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